

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
Docket No. 2019-290-WS

In Re:	)	
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Application of Blue Granite Water	)	MOTION FOR AN ORDER
Company for Approval to Adjust Rate	)	LIFTING THE STAY
Schedules and Increase Rates	)	ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
	)	OF RATES UNDER BOND
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Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. §103-829 and applicable South Carolina law, Blue Granite Water Company (“Blue Granite” or the “Company”) hereby moves the Commission to issue an order lifting the stay on the implementation of rates under bond imposed by Order No. 2020-549 dated August 18, 2020 and Order No. 2020-758 dated November 6, 2020 (the “Stay”).<sup>1</sup> On June 7, 2021, Governor McMaster lifted the State of Emergency in South Carolina. Because lifting the Stay will mitigate the ultimate rate impact of the Stay on ratepayers, and because the bond continues to be available to protect rates implemented under bond, the Company moves the Commission to lift the Stay. In support of such Motion, the Company would show the following:

**I. Procedural History**

On October 2, 2019, the Company filed its Application for Approval to Adjust Its Rate Schedules and Increase Rates (“Application”). The Commission conducted an evidentiary hearing on the Application from February 26, 2020 through March 2, 2020. On April 9, 2020, in Order No. 2020-306, the Commission ruled on the proposed rate relief. The Order was served on April

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<sup>1</sup> This motion is made without waiving the Company’s positions that the Commission lacked the statutory authority to issue an order preventing the implementation of rates under bond pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D) and that the stay violates the Company’s substantive due process rights.

9, 2020, and on April 29, 2020, Blue Granite filed a Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration with the Commission. On May 28, 2020, the Commission issued its decision on reconsideration, authorizing the implementation of an annual revenue requirement in the amount of \$29,191,874.

On June 8, 2020, the Company filed a motion for approval of a bond that would secure for customers the difference between the revenue requirement authorized by the Commission and that which the Company intended to implement under bond pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(D), in addition to annual interest. On July 15, 2020, the Commission approved the Company's request for approval of the bond. On August 18, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 2020-549, which directed the Clerk's office to schedule oral arguments on the issues raised by the Consumer Advocate and stayed the implementation of rates under bond "until further notice."

August 24, 2020, Blue Granite filed a Conditional Petition for Approval of Accounting Order authorizing the Company to defer in a regulatory asset certain costs associated with the delayed implementation of new rates. On August 31, 2020, the Commission issued a directive maintaining the Stay on the proposed increase in rates under bond imposed by Commission Order No. 2020-549 and granted the Company's Conditional Petition for Approval of an Accounting Order. On September 4, 2020, the Company filed a Petition for Reconsideration of Order No. 2020-549 which was denied by the Commission through Order No. 2020-758 dated November 6, 2020. In Order No. 2020-758, the Commission stated as follows:

Implementation of the Company's rate increase under bond shall be stayed through December 31, 2020, due to the immediate adverse financial impacts that would be suffered by residential and commercial ratepayers during the Governor's declared health care emergency in South Carolina.

Order No. 2020-758 at 8-9. Governor McMaster declared an end to South Carolina's State of Emergency on June 7, 2021.<sup>2</sup>

## **II. Request to Lift Stay**

The principle reason the Company requests that the Commission lift the Stay is to mitigate the eventual impact on customers once the deferred amounts are recovered. As of May 31, 2021, the deferred amounts have reached \$1,579,012, a sum that will—depending upon the outcome of the appeal—have to be recovered from customers following the next rate case. This amount and the associated impact on customers will continue to grow. The sooner the Commission issues a final order lifting the Stay, the lower the deferred amount and the less the ultimate impact on customers will be.

The bond approved by the Commission in Order No. 2020-758 continues to be available to protect customers. Through Order No. 2020-758, the Commission found that the amount of the bond—\$3,874,516—was a reasonable amount. Order No. 2020-758 at 13. As described in the Company's Motion for Approval of Bond filed on June 8, 2020, the bond amount represents the difference in the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in its decision on reconsideration and the amount the Company intends to implement under bond over an eighteen-month period plus the statutory interest. Because that eighteen-month period protected by the bond has not yet begun due to the Stay, the bond amount is more than sufficient to cover the rates to be implemented under bond until such time as final rates have been established. The executed surety bond was filed with the Commission in this docket on August 17, 2020.

The reason cited by the Commission for imposing the Stay was “due to the immediate adverse financial impacts that would be suffered by residential and commercial ratepayers during

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<sup>2</sup> THE STATE, *South Carolina Gov Ends COVID-19-Related State of Emergency*, available at <https://www.thestate.com/news/article251955258.html> (June 8, 2021).

the Governor's declared health care emergency in South Carolina." Order No. 2020-758 at 8-9. While the Company questioned, and continues to question, the Commission's authority to stay the implementation of rates under bond, now that the State of Emergency has ended, the Commission should lift the Stay.

The Company proposes, upon the Commission issuing a final order lifting the Stay, that the Company issue a 30-day notice to customers of the rates to be implemented. Those rates are shown in Exhibit No. 1 to this Motion and are identical to those filed with the Company's Motion for Approval of Bond on June 8, 2020.

### **III. Conclusion**

Because lifting the Stay will mitigate the ultimate impact of the Stay on rates, the bond continues to be available to protect rates implemented under bond, and the State of Emergency has been lifted, the Company requests that the Commission lift the Stay.

WHEREFORE, Blue Granite moves that the Commission enter an order lifting the stay on the implementation of rates under bond.

Respectfully submitted,

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**WATER**

**Service Territory 1**

**Monthly Charges - Water Supply Customers Only**

Where water is supplied by wells owned and operated by the Utility, the following rates apply:

**Residential**

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home, or apartment unit	\$ 14.38 per unit
Residential Commodity Charge	\$ 8.70 per 1,000 gal. or 134 cft.

**Commercial**

Base Facilities Charge by meter size	
5/8" meter *	\$ 14.38 per unit
3/4" meter	\$ 14.38 per unit
1" meter	\$ 37.43 per unit
1.5" meter	\$ 74.86 per unit
2" meter	\$ 119.78 per unit
3" meter	\$ 224.59 per unit
4" meter	\$ 374.42 per unit
8" meter	\$1,150.51 per unit
Commercial Commodity Charge	\$ 8.70 per 1,000 gal. or 134 cft.

**Monthly Charges - Water Distribution Customers Only**

Where water is purchased from a governmental body or agency or other entity for distribution and resale by the Utility, the following rates apply:

**Residential**

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home, or apartment unit	\$ 14.38 per unit
Residential Commodity Charge	\$ 11.76 per 1,000 gal. or 134 cft.

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Commercial

## Base Facilities Charge

by meter size

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8" meter	\$1,150.51 per unit

Commercial Commodity Charge                      \$ 11.76 per 1,000 gal.  
or 134 cft.

**\*A "Fire Line" customer will be billed a monthly base facilities charge of a 5/8" meter or at the rate of any other meter size used as a detector.**

**Hydrant Meter Program**

A contractor, developer, or other commercial customer (the "Hydrant Customer") requiring water service for a limited duration, where no other water service is available to the customer, may, where practicable, take water service from the Utility's nearest available hydrant. In such cases, the Hydrant Customer shall obtain from the Utility a 2-inch meter and affix the meter to the hydrant(s) closest to its work site(s). The Hydrant Customer shall be charged the appropriate Base Facilities Charge for a 2-inch meter and for actual water consumption. Every 25 to 35 days, the Hydrant Customer shall make the meter available to the Utility for the reading of its water usage and associated monthly billing. In addition, the Hydrant Customer shall pay Utility a deposit of \$1,100.00, which represents the approximate cost of the meter, prior to receiving the 2-inch meter. The Utility shall refund the Hydrant Customer's deposit upon the prompt return of the meter in good working order. If the meter is lost or determined to be damaged upon return, the Utility may withhold all, or a portion, of the deposit amount as reasonable compensation for the Utility's loss.

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**Service Territory 2****Monthly Charges - Water Supply Customers**

Where water is supplied by wells owned and operated by the Utility, the following rates apply:

**Residential**

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit:

\$ 28.59 per unit

Residential Commodity Charge

\$ 13.28 per 1,000 gal.  
or 134 cft.

**Commercial**

Base Facilities Charge  
by meter size

5/8" meter*	\$ 28.59 per unit
1" meter	\$ 79.59 per unit
1.5" meter	\$ 146.27 per unit
3" meter	\$ 499.14 per unit

Commercial Commodity Charge

\$ 13.28 per 1,000 gal.  
or 134 cft.

**Monthly Charges - Water Distribution Customers Only**

Where water is purchased from a governmental body or agency or other entity for distribution and resale by the Utility, the following rates apply:

**Residential**

Base Facilities Charge per single-family house, condominium, mobile home or apartment unit:

\$ 28.59 per unit

Residential Commodity Charge

\$ 15.33 per 1,000 gal.  
or 134 cft.

**Commercial**

Base Facilities Charge by meter size:

5/8" meter*	\$ 28.59 per unit
1" meter	\$ 79.59 per unit
1.5" meter	\$ 146.27 per unit
3" meter	\$ 499.14 per unit

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Commercial Commodity Charge	\$ 15.33 per 1,000 gal. or 134 cft.
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**Hydrant Meter Program**

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**WATER SERVICE  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
AND  
NON-RECURRING CHARGES**

**1. Terms and Conditions**

A. Where the Utility is required by regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility to interconnect to the water supply system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will also be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

B. Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

C. The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units (or in such other circumstances as the law may allow from time to time), which is served by a master water meter or a single water connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

D. When, because of the method of water line installation utilized by the developer or owner, it is impractical to meter each unit separately, service will be provided through a single meter, and consumption of all units will be averaged; a bill will be calculated based on that average and the result multiplied by the number of units served by a single meter.

**E. Billing Cycle**

Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears. Nonrecurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

**F. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains**

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to connect to its water system. However, anyone or entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to any appropriate connection point, and pay the appropriate fees and charges as set forth in this rate schedule, and comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service unless water supply is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other government entity has for any reason restricted the Utility from adding additional customers to the serving water system. In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional water supply capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding water supply capacity to the affected water system.

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**G. Cross-Connection Inspection**

Any customer installing, permitting to be installed, or maintain any cross connection between the Utilities water system and any other non-public water system, sewer, or a line from any container of liquids or other substances, must install an approved back-flow prevention device in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-58.7.F.2, as may be amended for time to time. Such a customer shall have such cross connection inspected by a licensed certified tester and provide to Utility a copy of written inspection report indicating the back-flow device is functioning properly and testing results submitted by the tester in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.61-58.7.F.2, as may be amended from time to time. Said report and results must be provided by the customer to the Utility no later June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year for required commercial customers and no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of every other year for required residential customers. Should a customer subject to these requirements fail to timely provide such report and results, Utility may arrange for inspection and testing by a licensed certified tester and add the charges incurred by the Utility in that regard to the customer's next bill. If after inspection and testing by the Utility's certified tester, the back-flow device fails to function properly, the customer will be notified and given a 30 day period in which to have the back-flow device repaired or replaced with a subsequent follow-up inspection by a licensed certified tester indicating the back-flow device is functioning properly. Failure to submit a report indicating the back-flow device is functioning properly will result in discontinuation of water service to said customer until such time as a passing inspection report is received by Utility.

H. A Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities -- 6 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A, as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee. The Company shall have the right to request and receive water usage records from the water provider to its customers. In addition, the Company shall have the right to conduct an inspection of the customer's premises. If it is determined that actual flows or loadings are greater than the design flows or loadings, then the Company shall recalculate the customer's equivalency rating based on actual flows or loadings and thereafter bill for its services in accordance with such recalculated loadings.

I. The liability of the Company, its agents and employees for damages arising out of interruption of service or the failure to furnish service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to those remedies provided in the Public Service Commission's rules and regulations governing water utilities.

**2. Non-Recurring Charges**

A. Water Service Connection (New connections only) - \$300 per SFE\*

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

B. Plant Impact Fee (New connections only) - \$400 per SFE\*

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The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

The Plant Capacity Fee reflects the portion of plant capacity which will be used to provide service to the new customers as authorized by Commission Rule R. 103-702.13. The plant capacity fee represents the Utility's investment previously made (or planned to be made) in constructing water production, treatment and/or distribution facilities that are essential to provide adequate water service to the new customer's property.

C. Water Meter Installation - 5/8 inches x 3/4 inches meter \$45.00

All 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch water meters shall meet the Utility's standards and shall be installed by the Utility. A one-time meter fee of \$45 shall be due upon installation for those locations where no 5/8 inch x 3/4 inch meter has been provided by a developer to the Utility.

For the installation of all other meters, the customer shall be billed for the Utility's actual cost of installation. All such meters shall meet the Utility's standards and be installed by the Utility unless the Utility directs otherwise.

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

D. Customer Account Charge – (New customers only) \$30.00

A one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service.

E. Reconnection Charges: In addition to any other charges that may be due, in those cases where a customer's service has been disconnected for any reason as set forth in Commission Rule R.103-732.5, a reconnection fee shall be due in the amount of \$40.00 and shall be due prior to the Utility reconnecting service.

F. Tampering Charge: In the event the Utility's equipment, water mains, water lines, meters, curb stops, service lines, valves or other facilities have been damaged or tampered with by a customer, the Utility may charge the customer responsible for the damage the actual cost of repairing the Utility's equipment, not to exceed \$250. The tampering charge shall be paid in full prior to the Utility re-establishing service or continuing the provision of service.

G. All contributions and advances, whether in the form of property or cash, shall be increased by a cash payment to the utility. Cash contributions and advances shall include an amount equal to 33.24% of the face value of the contribution or advance. Property contributions and advances shall include an amount equal to 18.28% of the original cost of the contribution or advance.

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**SEWER**

**Service Territory 1 and 2**

**Monthly Charges – Sewer Collection & Treatment Only**

Where sewage collection and treatment are provided through facilities owned and operated by the Utility, the following rates apply:

Residential - charge per single-family house, condominium, villa, or apartment unit:	\$88.01 per unit
Mobile Homes:	\$64.24 per unit
Commercial	\$88.01 per SFE*

Commercial customers are those not included in the residential category above and include, but are not limited to, hotels, stores, restaurants, offices, industry, etc.

**Monthly Charges – Sewer Collection Only**

When sewage is collected by the Utility and transferred to a government body or agency, or other entity for treatment, the Utility's rates are as follows:

Residential – per single-family house, condominium, or apartment unit	\$88.01 per unit
Commercial	\$88.01 per SFE*
The Village Sewer Collection	\$45.79 per SFE*

\* Single Family Equivalent (SFE) shall be determined by using the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities -- 25 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A, as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service and tap fee.

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**SEWER SERVICE  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
AND  
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**1. Terms and Conditions**

A. Where the Utility is required under the terms of a 201/208 Plan, or by other regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Utility, to interconnect to the sewage treatment system of a government body or agency or other entity and tap/connection/impact fees are imposed by that entity, such tap/connection/impact fees will be charged to the Utility's affected customers on a pro rata basis, without markup.

B. The Utility will, for the convenience of the owner, bill a tenant in a multi-unit building, consisting of four or more residential units (or in such other circumstances as the law may allow from time to time), which is served by a master sewer meter or a single sewer connection. However, in such cases all arrearages must be satisfied before service will be provided to a new tenant or before interrupted service will be restored. Failure of an owner to pay for services rendered to a tenant in these circumstances may result in service interruptions.

**C. Billing Cycle**

Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears. Non-recurring charges will be billed and collected in advance of service being provided.

**D. Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Guidelines**

The utility will not accept or treat any substance or material that has not been defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") as a toxic pollutant, hazardous waste, or hazardous substance, including pollutants falling within the provisions of 40 CFR 129.4 and 401.15. Additionally, pollutants or pollutant properties subject to 40 CFR 403.5 and 403.6 are to be processed according to pretreatment standards applicable to such pollutants or pollutant properties, and such standards constitute the Utility's minimum pretreatment standards. Any person or entity introducing such prohibited or untreated materials into the Company's sewer system may have service interrupted without notice until such discharges cease, and shall be liable to the Utility for all damages and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Utility as a result thereof.

**E. Extension of Utility Service Lines and Mains**

The Utility shall have no obligation at its expense to extend its utility service lines or mains in order to permit any customer to discharge acceptable wastewater into one of its sewer systems. However, anyone or entity which is willing to pay all costs associated with extending an appropriately sized and constructed main or utility service line from his/her/its premises to any appropriate connection point, and pay the appropriate fees and charges as set forth in this rate schedule, and comply with the guidelines and standards hereof, shall not be denied service unless sewer capacity is unavailable or unless the South Carolina Department of Health and

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Environmental Control or other government entity has for any reason restricted the Utility from adding additional customers to the serving sewer system.

In no event will the Utility be required to construct additional sewer treatment capacity to serve any customer or entity without an agreement acceptable to the Utility first having been reached for the payment of all costs associated with adding wastewater treatment capacity to the affected sewer system.

- F. A Single Family Equivalent (“SFE”) shall be determined by 6 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-67 Appendix A, as may be amended from time to time. Where applicable, such guidelines shall be used for determination of the appropriate monthly service, plant impact fee and tap fee. The Company shall have the right to request and receive water usage records from the water provider to its customers. In addition, the Company shall have the right to conduct an inspection of the customer’s premises. If it is determined that actual flows or loadings are greater than the design flows or loadings, then the Company shall recalculate the customer’s equivalency rating based on actual flows or loadings and thereafter bill for its services in accordance with such recalculated loadings.
- G. The liability of the Company, its agents and employees for damages arising out of interruption of service or the failure to furnish service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to those remedies provided in the Public Service Commission’s rules and regulations governing wastewater utilities.

## **2. Solids Interceptor Tanks**

For all customers receiving sewage collection service through an approved solids interceptor tank, the following additional charges shall apply:

### **A. Pumping Charge**

On such regular intervals as the Utility deems prudent, upon discovery that excessive solids have accumulated in the interceptor tank, or for any instance when a customer’s interceptor tank is in need of access, pumping, cleaning, maintenance/repair, or requires any work (“Pumping Charge”) related to a Pumping Charge, the Utility shall provide an estimate of the actual cost of the Pumping Charge to that customer for the specified work to be done. Should a customer choose, the customer may seek quotes/estimates from third-party vendors not affiliated with the Utility. The Utility shall not proceed with any work related to an interceptor tank until such time as the Utility secures the customers approval, in writing, for the work to be performed.

If the customer chooses to have the Utility perform the work associated with the interceptor tank, then the cost charged to the customer shall not exceed the estimate of the actual cost the Utility provided to the customer (whether the work is performed by the Utility or if the Utility utilizes a third-party vendor). If the customer chooses to contract with a third-party vendor, then the Utility may oversee the work but will not charge the affected customer for the personnel and overhead costs incurred in managing the work. The customer shall utilize third-party vendors

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who meet and operate with all required qualifications and certifications/licenses and adhere to any laws and regulations related to pumping of an interceptor tank. The customer shall provide the Utility with sufficient documentation to demonstrate the work was performed by the third-party vendor.

The Pumping Charge will be included as a separate line item on the next regular billing to the customer. Alternatively, at the customer's request, the Pumping Charge may be billed to the customer in twelve (12) equal monthly installments.

Emergency Condition Authority: Should a condition arise that presents a health risk to the customer, the public, or the environment, the Utility shall have the authority to proceed with pumping a customer's interceptor tank. The Utility shall present, upon request, evidence supporting the need for immediate action.

**B. Pump Repair or Replacement Charge**

If a separate pump is required to transport the customer's sewage from solids interceptor tank to the Utility's sewage collection system, the Utility will arrange to have this pump repaired or replaced as required and will include the cost of such repair or replacement as a separate item in the next regular billing to the customer and may be paid for over a one-year period.

**C. Visual Inspection Port**

In order for a customer who uses a solids interceptor tank to receive sewage service from the Utility or to continue to receive such service, the customer shall install at the customer's expense a visual inspection port which will allow for observation of the contents of the solids interceptor tank and extraction of test samples therefrom. Failure to provide such visual inspection port after timely notice of not less than thirty (30) days shall be just cause for interruption of service until a visual inspection port has been installed.

**3. Non-recurring Charges**

A. Sewer Service Connection (New connections only)                      \$300 per SFE

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

B. Plant Capacity Fee (New connections only)                              \$400 per SFE

The fees in this Section are subject to the considerations noted in Section G below.

The Plant Capacity Fee shall be computed by using South Carolina DHEC "Guide Lines for Unit Contributory Loadings to Wastewater Treatment Facilities" (1972) to determine the single family equivalency rating. The plant capacity fee represents the Utility's investment previously made (or planned to be made) in constructing treatment and/or collection system facilities that are essential to provide adequate treatment and disposal of the wastewater generated by the development of the new property.

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The nonrecurring charges listed above are minimum charges and apply even if the equivalency rating of non-residential customer is less than one (1). If the equivalency rating of a non-residential customer is greater than one (1), then the proper charge may be obtained by multiplying the equivalency rating by the appropriate fee. These charges apply and are due at the time new service is applied for, or at the time connection to the sewer system is requested.

**C. Notification Fee**

A fee of \$15.00 shall be charged to each customer per notice to whom the Utility mails the notice as required by Commission Rule R. 103-535.1 prior to service being discontinued. This fee assesses a portion of the clerical and mailing costs of such notices to the customers creating the cost.

**D. Customer Account Charge - (New customers only)                      \$30.00**

A one-time fee to defray the costs of initiating service. This charge will be waived if the customer is also a water customer.

- E. Reconnection Charges:** In addition to any other charges that may be due, in those cases where a customer's service has been disconnected for any reason as set forth in Commission Rule R. 103-532.4 a reconnection fee in the amount of \$500.00 shall be due at the time the customer reconnects service. Where an elder valve has been previously installed, a reconnection fee of \$40.00 shall be charged.
- F. Tampering Charge:** In the event the Utility's equipment, sewage pipes, meters, curb stops, service lines, elder valves or other facilities have been damaged or tampered with by a customer, the Utility may charge the customer responsible for the damage the actual cost of repairing the Utility's equipment, not to exceed \$250. The tampering charge shall be paid in full prior to the Utility re-establishing service or continuing the provision of service.
- G. All contributions and advances, whether in the form of property or cash, shall be increased by a cash payment to the utility. Cash contributions and advances shall include an amount equal to 33.24% of the face value of the contribution or advance. Property contributions and advances shall include an amount equal to 18.28% of the original cost of the contribution or advance.**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Toni C. Hawkins, a paralegal with the law firm of Robinson Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC have this day served a copy of **Blue Granite Water Company's Motion to Lift the Stay of the Implementation of Rates Under Bond** in the referenced matter to the parties listed below by electronic mail:

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